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#### MURDER AT LINCOLN INSTITUTE.



ROS COE C. JAMISON.

We were pained to receive from Mr. William F. Neill of St. Joseph the announcement of the untimely death of the race's most famous young poet, Roscoe C. Jamison, who passed away at Phoenix, Ariz., March 28, whose body was brought to his home at St. Joseph, Mo., for burial Wednesday, April 3d. Many hearts have been made to thrill from the inspired writings of this exceptional young man, and the race has suffered a distinct loss in his passing. He was an exemplary young Christian gentleman and won the respect and sympathy of all who knew him.

Peace to his ashes, rest to his soul.

#### A LITTLE LETTER.

By Chas. A. Starks.

Dear People:

By the time this letter is published the public will have learned all the incidents, happy and otherwise, that signalized the campaign for a Negro Alderman. The writer is sure most readers of The Sun would have hailed eagerly an answer from his pen to a certain person, who loomed up on the aldermanic horizon as one of those Black mysterious silhouette figures which stand so boldly against a background of light.

Be it said, the writer was not with the dead. Not even with the helpless or those who can not strike back. Like the good sportsman, he disdains to shoot a rabbit "setting." He rather kicks him out of his nest and tries his marksmanship at the "Cotton tail" on the run.

The Negro people demonstrated one thing quite positively and that was that they resented the pernicious efforts of that gentleman by voting him down to a contemptible, no name position in the race, thus, for his crime, placing the mark of Cain upon his forehead. All Glory for this!

And your humble servant assumes a share of this honor on the ground that he gave the gentleman a considerable amount of advertising through the press and his cutting posture and bulletin system.

Though the Colored people did not reach their "objective," the fight is not ended. Ours is a contest of 365 days in a year and nothing will stop us. A people shows its temper or greatness by overcoming all impediments to its progress upward. We, therefore, seek solace from whatever melancholic developments our recent effort showed by taking up our duty with a new energy and undiluted hope.

Looking back briefly I fail to see where the Negroes are to be censured to any extent except the bad element. The White man, first and last, stands our most dangerous opponent to anything like progress for our people. Hence, at his door we properly place the cause of our non-success at the polls. The White man boasted of his intention to steal, browbeat and intimidate the Negro vote—and he did!

So, barring the "Negro Democrats," "Home Rulers" (did you notice it in the Star?) and those miserable "Mercenaries," slaves of Hell, we rather hasten to congratulate the Good people of our Race on their intelligent campaign and vote. You have shown your approach to a single purpose and though we did not succeed completely we showed commendable signs of Unity which gives us splendid hope of the future.

Jefferson City, Mo., March 29.—Prof. Romeo West, secretary of the faculty of Lincoln Institute, the State Negro Normal School, was shot and killed tonight in a dormitory at the institute by Theodore Martin, superintendent of the school boarding house. Martin surrendered to the police thirty minutes after the killing, claiming that he killed West in self defense. The men quarreled over some dishes desired by West for use at a social. West became angry at the refusal and left saying that he would return in a few moments, which he did, and Martin claimed that he started after him in a threatening attitude and he shot him in self defense. It is alleged five shots were fired, three of which took effect, causing almost instant death. Prof. West was 31 years of age and had been connected with Lincoln Institute in some capacity for a number of years. He was reputed to have a violent temper and had been in quarrels frequently with various individuals. Martin was released on \$3,000 bond, which was readily furnished, prominent white and colored men both of Jefferson City and Columbia (his home town) certifying their willingness to go on his bond. In view of former happenings it is predicted that Martin will be acquitted when his case comes to trial.

#### WESTERN UNIVERSITY PRESIDENCY.

In Dr. William H. Peck, pastor of St. James A. M. E. Church, St. Louis, Mo., former pastor of Allen Chapel, this city, are epitomized all of those essential qualities to make a successful president of this prosperous and constantly growing institution. Without disparaging the qualifications of any aspirant for this position, we have no hesitancy in saying that not one fills to such a marked degree the exacting requirements of this position as does Dr. Peck.



DR. WM. H. PECK.

Highly educated, an eloquent orator, an extraordinary gospel minister, a born reader of men, he possesses every quality that the Church, State and race desire to see in a man elected to the presidency of this institution.

Dr. Peck has traveled extensively, as is well known in Washington, Baltimore, Los Angeles, and San Francisco as he is in Kansas City or St. Louis. He is thoroughly acquainted with the needs of Western University, where he was instructor as well as dean some years ago. Gentle in manner, dignified in bearing, genial in disposition, he is in every way fitted for this position. And The Sun without hesitancy recommends to the Board of Trustees Dr. William H. Peck as the next president of this splendid institution which we all love.

#### GRAND EASTER OPENING.

The Easter Opening at Dr. Theodore Smith's popular Drug Store last Sunday surpassed any of the efforts of former years, there being a large attendance and a greater volume of business than ever before in the history of this famous and prosperous emporium.

The beautiful silver service and the crystal glass topped tables evoked much favorable comment, while no small feature of the afternoon was the excellent music of Williams' string orchestra, which Dr. Smith announces will play every Thursday and Sunday during the season, beginning at 6 p. m. Yourself and friends are invited to drop in any time and be served. Or get the latest periodicals and magazines. 18th and Tracy avenue.

#### A VETERAN SANTA FE PORTER GONE.

Matt J. Faulker, for many years a resident of this city, died of double pneumonia at the Santa Fe hospital, Topeka, Kans., and was buried at Eudora, Kans., April 1st. The train porter of Kansas City attended the funeral in a body. Among those attending from this city were Messrs. Cary Fox, John Collins, James Collins, J. C. Ray, S. Abernathy and son and White.



REV. HENRY MANSFIELD COLLINS.

Recently appointed Chaplain in the United States Army now stationed at Newport News, Va., with the 39th Battalion. Chaplain Collins was born in Kansas City May, 1884, is 34 years of age, was educated in the grades and High School of this city, did College work at Fisk University, and took Bachelor-Divinity degree at Wilberforce University in 1911. After entering the ministry of the African Methodist Episcopal Church was assigned to North Yakima, Wash., where he served five years (the limit) and then transferred to Hutchinson, Kansas, where he was pastoring when called to the Army.

Chaplain Collins has always been active in community and uplift work for his race, appearing twice before the Legislature of Washington to successfully keep BLACK LAWS from the Statute Books of that State and has upon invitation filled the pulpit in several of the leading white churches of that state. He was married in 1916 to Miss Amelia Davis, one of our former teachers who graduated with him in Lincoln High School in 1902.

Dr. William H. Peck, the distinguished pastor of St. James A. M. E. Church, St. Louis, Mo., and former pastor of Allen Chapel, was called to the city last week to attend the funeral of his brother-in-law, Dr. E. J. McCampbell. Dr. Peck is doing a wonderful work in his new field, having added more than seven hundred members during his two and a half years pastorate and has made St. James one of the foremost churches of the connection. He was accompanied by his devoted wife, who fills a large place in the hearts of all Kansas Cityans and who has contributed much to the success of the Doctor in his various fields of endeavor.

#### NEW LOCATION.

W. C. Hueston—C. H. Calloway  
We desire to announce to our clients, friends and the public in general our removal to our new offices located at North-west Corner 12th and Highland Avenue, where we will be pleased to see you.

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#### THE CAUSES OF REPUBLICAN DEFEAT.

First—Because the Republican Party never did, does not now, nor never will, stand for vicious arrogant and domineering Bossism.

Second—Because the rank and file never could be made believe there was not a deal between the Democratic bosses and the self-appointed bosses of the Republican Party, and, therefore, would take no interest in the campaign.

Third—Because the flagrant and open insult to the Colored voters through Homer Mann and Eugene H. Blake cost them 2,000 Negro votes.

Fourth—Because the right kind of men are not in the lead in the Republican Party at this time!

Clean House or it will happen again this fall!

#### TO OUR PATRONS:

The Colored Democratic Central Committee has reserved the entire capacity of our beautiful Cafe the De Luxe, 1512 East 18th Street, for a banquet for Monday night, April 8, from 9 to 12 p. m.

Respectfully,  
WILLIAM McKNIGHT,  
Proprietor.

Mrs. Mary Fuell Rollins, who about one year ago fell victim to the dreadful plague, tuberculosis, departed this life Wednesday morning, March 27, 1918. The funeral services were conducted Easter Sunday from the chapel of H. B. Moore, undertaker. The deceased was a sister of Melissa Puell Cuthler, former clerk and vocalist with the Blind Boone Concert Company. She leaves to mourn her loss this sister, another sister and brother, a mother, three children, Edith, Katherine and Richard Rollins. Interment was in Woodlawn Cemetery, Kansas City, Kansas.

#### MAY NOT GET PROF. LEE.

Lincoln Institute May Miss the Services of the Great Educator.

Prof. J. R. E. Lee has not decided whether or not he will accept the offer of the presidency of Lincoln Institute at Jefferson City. The well known conditions of strife which have characterized the work at the institution during the last ten years have taken such apparently permanent form as to make the prospect for anything like agreeable leadership there decidedly discouraging, especially to a man who likes to work better than he likes to fight and squabble.

Notwithstanding the fact that Prof. Lee has been assured in a semi-official way that he will have the undivided support of the Board of Regents, in case he accepts, that fact is not at all certain and it is reported that a well formed plan is on foot already to make it unpleasant for the man who takes the place of the deposed president and that at least two members of the Board of Regents are in on the plan.

Prof. Lee was not an applicant for the position but it is very likely that he would not hesitate to accept it if he could take charge and carry out the work untrammelled by political buffettings and factional influences. He is a hard worker but he likes to sleep when he goes to bed.

Soon after being appointed Prof. Lee was invited down to Jefferson City for a conference with members of the Board of Regents, the State Superintendent extending the invitation. The invitation was complied with on the day set down but when the president-elect reached the capitol he found that State Superintendent Lamkin had gone away from the city and that the only members of the Board whom he could meet were the two who had voted against his appointment. One of these telephoned out to Lincoln Institute requesting President Allen to receive Mr. Lee and show him over the grounds and building.

In due time Lee reached the institution but no amount of knocking could bring Mr. Allen to the door of the president's mansion. Romeo West, then secretary to the president, but since then shot dead in one of the local feuds, accidentally looked too far around the corner of the house and was seen by Prof. Lee who politely asked him to escort him over the grounds.

West declared that he was not in possession of the keys but made a perfunctory effort to show the visitor a part of the institution. Things were not at all pleasant for Mr. Lee and he doubtless felt like a stranger in a very strange land.

Upon his return he was naturally very much discouraged over the outlook and his friends have since been urging him not to leave his successful work at Kansas City to take up the less promising though larger field at Lincoln Institute.

The Board of Regents will make a great mistake if it loses the chance to secure Mr. Lee, provided it is really desired to make Lincoln Institute a live, progressive, useful school. Mr. Lee will make a great mistake if he accepts the position in the face of such dangers as naturally lie in a divided Board of Regents and a lot of political deceit and chicanery.

One of the most pleasing musicals was the event of Mrs. L. J. Bacote presenting her pupil, Miss Lessie King, in a testimonial recital at the Second Baptist church, March 15, 1918. Miss King has a rare mezzo-soprano voice, which she demonstrated in its fullest beauty. Her program, a very ambitious one, was rendered in a technical and pleasing manner. As for her stage deportment, style, enunciation, articulation, phrasing and interpretation, these things indicated method and steady application. She sang to a most appreciative audience of about five hundred. Her future indeed is very bright. She was ably assisted by Miss Faye Reed, violinist, and Mrs. Ida M. Becks, dramatic reader. Lady attendants:

Mrs. Lelia M. Allen  
Mrs. Cora D. Williams  
Mrs. Nettie V. King  
Mrs. Forester Neal  
Miss Anna Gray  
Mrs. D. M. Miller  
Mrs. K. D. Price  
Mrs. Ruby Burnside

### PAID IN FULL

These Subscribers to the Wheatley-Provident Hospital Fund Have Paid Their Subscriptions in Full and the Total Amounts Have Been Placed in Bank to the Credit of the Hospital.

As Subscribers Pay in Full, Their Names Will be Added to This List.

The following persons have paid their subscriptions in full to the Wheatley-Provident Hospital Committee for the purpose of remodeling and equipping the splendid property that was bought for hospital purposes at 1826 Forest avenue. It is sincerely hoped by the hospital board that all subscribers will make a special effort to pay their subscriptions at an early date as possible so we may occupy the building thoroughly equipped by June 1st when a great dedication program will be held participated in by all the churches, women's clubs and fraternal organizations of the city.

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Kansas City, Mo., April 3, 1918.  
To The Kansas City Sun:  
I wish to congratulate Mr. W. C. Hueston on the splendid race he made for alderman of the Eighth Ward in the recent city election.  
Trusting he will enter the race again at the next city election and promising my prayers for his success, I remain  
Yours truly,  
MRS. ANNIE E. FLOYD.

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The Civic League held its annual election last Thursday night, the following officers being elected: President, Jno. L. Love; Vice President, R. T. Coles; Secretary, Joseph Butler. Executive Committee: J. F. Shannon, C. H. Calloway, J. D. Bowser, Rev. Wm. H. Thomas and Jas. A. Lee.  
Before the election an able paper on "The Education Condition of the Negro in the South" was read by Prof. J. R. E. Lee.